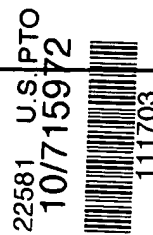


UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 04131.P004C

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First Named Inventor Jeffrey W. BaxterTitle: CLIP APPLYING APPARATUSES AND METHODS FOR VASCULAR LIGATIONExpress Mail Label No. EV 336 583 540 US

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ **Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)**
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ **Applicant Claims Small Entity Status. (37 CFR 1.27)**
3. ☒ **Specification (Total Pages 16)**
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference sequence listing, a table,
or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ **Drawings(s) (35 USC 113) (Total Sheets 9)**
5. ☒ **Oath or Declaration (Total Pages 5)**
 - a. ☐ Newly Executed (Original or Copy)
 - b. ☒ Copy from a Prior Application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for Continuation/Divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. ☐ **DELETIONS OF INVENTOR(S)** Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
 - c. ☐ Unsigned.
6. ☐ **Application Data Sheet. (37 CFR 1.76)**
7. ☐ **CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)**
8. ☐ **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission**
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 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ paper
 - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. _____ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documents(s))
10. _____ a. Separate 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (where there is an assignee)
 _____ b. Power of Attorney
11. _____ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. X a. **Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449**
 _____ b. Copies of IDS Citations
13. X **Preliminary Amendment**
14. X **Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)**
15. _____ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. _____ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
- 17A. _____ Claim for Foreign Priority
- 17B. X **Other:** Submission of Formal Drawings transmittal and 9 sheets of drawings:
Petition for Suspension of Action (1 page)

17C. X Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title (e.g., by way of preliminary amendment), or in an Application Data Sheet Under 37 C.F.R. 1.76:

X Continuation _____ Divisional _____ Continuation-in-part (CIP)
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 which is a _____ continuation/ _____ divisional/ _____ CIP of prior application no. _____ (List entire chain of priority)

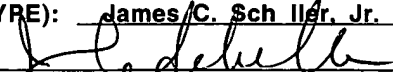
Applicant(s): Also include a Preliminary Amendment to amend the specification to claim priority.

For CONTINUATION AND DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	_____
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	_____
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional application filing fee	_____
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims <u>22</u> - 20 = <u>2</u>	X	<u>18.00</u>	= <u>36.00</u>
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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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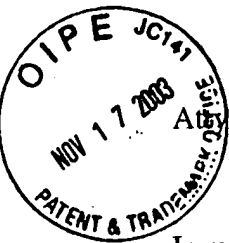
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PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.103

Sir:


Applicant hereby petitions for the suspension of action in this application. At the present time, no outstanding action exists in this application. The suspension of action is requested for the reasonable time period of three months, and a check is enclosed for the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

BLAKELY, SOKOLOFF, TAYLOR & ZAFMAN LLP

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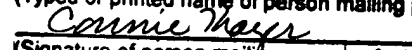
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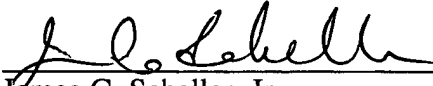
SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a complete set of formal drawings, comprising nine (9) sheets and eighteen (18) figures for the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,
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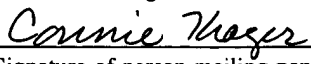

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